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In re Application of :
KOMURA, et al. :
Application No.: 10/550,912 :
PCT No.: PCT/JP04/04501 : **DECISION ON REQUEST**
Int. Filing Date: 30 March 2004 :
Priority Date: 31 March 2003 :
Attorney Docket No.: Q90112 :
For: NONWOVEN FABRIC AND PROCESS FOR ITS
PRODUCTION

This decision is issued in response to applicants' "Response to Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371. . ." filed 26 July 2006 notifying the Office that the correct spelling of the fourth inventor's name is HIROYOSHI Minematsu as indicated on the declaration rather than Hiromasa Minematsu as indicated on the published international application. Applicants' request has been treated under 37 CFR 1.181. No petition fee is due.

Petitioner states that the discrepancy between the name of the fourth inventor indicated in the international application during the international phase and the name of the fourth inventor as it appears in the declaration is the result of a transliteration error. As indicated in Section 201.03 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, where a typographical or transliteration error in the spelling of an inventor's name is discovered, a petition under 37 CFR 1.48(a) is not required. Accordingly, applicants' explanation of the difference in the spelling of the fourth inventor's name is accepted and noted for the record.

For the reasons above, the request is GRANTED.

This application is being returned to the United States Designated/Elected Office for processing in accordance with this decision.

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